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BOYS AND GIRLS INDUSTRIAL CLUBS OF OREGON

THE industrial club work of the boys and girls of Oregon has been most successful principally on account of the manner in which the work was first organized. The Superintendent of Public Instruction receives annually a special appropriation of six thousand dollars for the promotion and encouragement of this work. Two assistants are employed who spend all of their time in field work, organizing clubs, holding community meetings and acting as judges in local industrial fairs. Each assistant has a stereopticon and a complete set of slides which illustrates what is being done in various parts of the State.

Cooperating with the State Department of Education, the Oregon Agricultural College prepares for each project a number of bulletins. As soon as a club is formed the names enrolled are sent to the Extension Department of the College, so that the proper bulletins may be mailed to the club members. For example, all members of the potato-growing clubs receive the following bulletins:

1. Potato Sections and Potato Soils.
2. Potato Pests and Diseases.
3. Varieties of Potatoes; Selection of Seed.
4. Preparation of Seed Bed and Methods of Planting.
5. Cultivation and Care of Growing Crop.
6. Harvesting; Hill; Selection of Seed.
7. Selection of Exhibition Tubers; Potato Judging.

The United States Department of Agriculture is the third cooperating agent in this work. This department assists in planning the work, sends a representative at least once a year to speak at public meetings held throughout the State; and through the franking privilege, makes it possible to mail the bulletins to the boys and girls. When one stops to consider that there are now more than 12,000 children enrolled in these clubs in Oregon, one can realize how important it is to have the assistance of the Federal Government. On the other hand, the government is more than repaid by the interest aroused in scientific farming, and the actual increase in a higher grade of products.

Claus Charley of Jackson County, Oregon, won the State prize last year on his corn. This year fifty boys throughout his county secured seed corn from him and have each from one-eighth to one-quarter of an acre of corn, which at the present time promises an abundant yield. The boy sold also enough of the seed corn to the farmers of his community to enable him to pay all of his expenses for a year in high school.



THE OAK GROVE (CLACKAMAS COUNTY) SEWING CLUB

Oregon is such an extensive State with resources so diversified that it was thought best to have a number of different projects, so that in each community the children could choose the work best adapted to that particular section. An idea of the size of the State may be gained by explaining that the area of Oregon exceeds that of the New England states combined, by 30,275 square miles; that the county of Malheur in Oregon exceeds in area New Hampshire or Massachusetts; and that Harney County, Oregon, is even larger than Malheur. In some localities the farmers are engaged in wheat raising, another section is noted for fruit, Douglas County is famous for its turkeys; and the coast counties for their dairies. In fact, nearly every product

native to a temperate climate is produced in this State. Last year ten projects were undertaken; this year the number was increased to twelve. A list of these is given on page seven of this pamphlet.

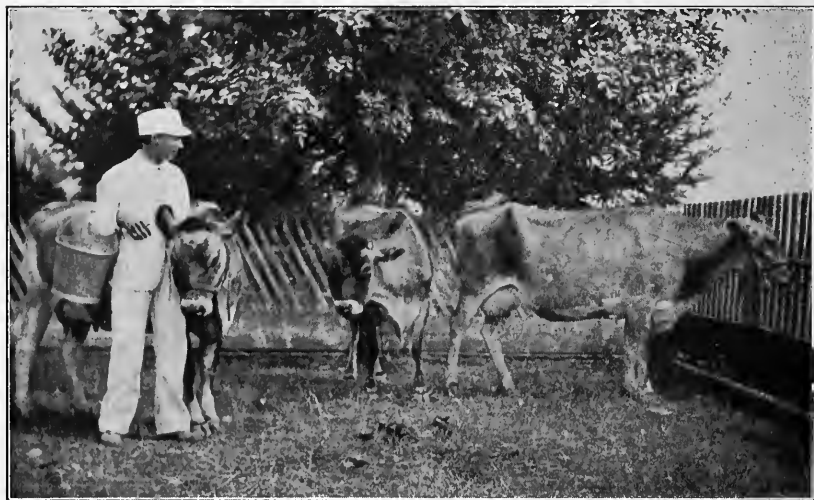
The work of these clubs is stimulated by district, county and State fairs, where the products of the children's work is displayed and judged. The awards are based upon a score which emphasizes the record of the contestant. This makes it possible to eliminate all tendency to display articles which the children have not themselves produced, and shows how well the boys and girls are following the bulletins of the Agricultural College.



JESSIE KEYT, STATE WINNER IN CANNING PROJECT

The culmination of the exhibits is reached at the State Fair held at Salem, Oregon, about the first of October each year. The Fair Board has set aside one of the largest buildings for an "Educational Building," where more than twenty thousand people view each day the children's products. Each evening a musical and literary program is given by the school children and students of the State colleges. So much interest has been aroused in this work that it was possible this year to send to the exposition at San Francisco for a two weeks' visit, the State prize winner in each project. Public-spirited men contributed

money for the prizes, and next year, they will send all State prize winners to the Agricultural College for a summer course. Through these clubs, the standard school plan, and the playground movement, the rural schools of Oregon are developing a happy, healthy, efficient group of boys and girls in every section of the State who are going to revolutionize country life in this State and make the farm home the most delightful place to live. This is the message the Rural School Exhibit of Oregon in the Educational Palace at the Exposition has for the world.



A YOUTHFUL DAIRYMAN

CLUB PROJECTS FOR GIRLS

1. *Sewing.* The making and repairing of garments and other articles of wearing apparel for member's own use. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.
2. *Baking.* The baking of bread and cake for home consumption. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.

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3. *Canning.* The canning of fruits, vegetables, etc., for home use, or for sale. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.
4. *Vegetable Gardening.* The growing of the greatest possible amount of vegetables, at the least possible expense. Div. I.—A garden area of at least one square rod but not more than fifteen square rods. Div. II.—A garden area of at least 16 square rods. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.
5. *Poultry Raising.* Div. I.—The care and management of five or more laying hens for a period of at least six months. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915. Div. II.—The incubation of at least three settings of hen's eggs and the care and management of the chicks for a period of at least eight months. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915. Div. III.—The management, for breeding purposes, of two turkey hens and one gobbler. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915. Div. IV.—The incubation of at least one setting of turkey eggs, and the care and management of the young turkeys for a period of at least six months. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.
6. *Dairy Herd Record-Keeping.* Obtaining the milk, butterfat, and feed records of two or more cows for a period of at least eight months. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915.

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7. *Pig Raising.* Div. I.—The care and management of a brood sow and litter, the work to extend over a period of at least eight months. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915. Div. II.—The care and management of one pig for a period of at least six months. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.
8. *Corn Growing.* The growing of the largest crop at the least expense on one-sixteenth acre or more of ground. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.*
9. *Potato Growing.* The growing of the largest crop at the least expense on one-sixteenth acre or more of ground. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.*
10. *Fruit Growing.* The pruning and spraying of the trees, cultivating and fertilizing of the soil, harvesting, packing, and marketing of the crop and disposal of the by-products. Div. I.—Ten or more bearing apple trees, the basis. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915. Div. II.—Ten or more bearing pear trees, the basis. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915. Div. III.—Ten or more bearing prune trees, the basis. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915.
11. *Field-Pea Growing.* (For the Eastern Oregon Wheat Belt.) The growing of at least one acre of field peas in the rotation with wheat, wherever the rainfall exceeds fifteen inches. One acre or more, the basis. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.
12. *Seed Grain Selection.* Div. I.—The special preparation of the seed bed, selection of seed, or management of one or more acres of wheat, oats, or barley for seed and the selection in the field, before harvest, of at least one to two bushels of grain in the head for planting a special seed grain plot next year. Enroll not later than January 1, 1915. Div. II.—The selection in the field, just before harvest, of one or more bushels of wheat or barley heads, or oat panicles for the purpose of planting a special seed breeding plot next year. Enroll not later than March 15, 1915.

* Contestants desiring membership in the national Demonstration Clubs must grow at least one acre.

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